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1. The Askania plant at Teltow, requisitioned by the Landrat on 13 December 1947 and then released on SMA intervention, is expected to be requisitioned permanently within a few days. Meantime, Dr. Müller, its technical chief, has been asked by SMA Potsdam to carry on large transactions without the knowledge of the Landrat. 50X1-HUM

Comment: Presumably SMA Potsdam is the requisitioning agency, although Paragraph 2, following, leaves the question open. There is no explanation of the nature of the "large transactions".

2. The Ministry for Economics at Potsdam has requested that proposals [blank] for the enlargement of the Teltow factory be submitted to SMA Karlshorst. Plans call for the Teltow site to become the development center for the entire precision instrument and optical industry of the Russian Zone of Germany; actual production is to take place in a separate plant in Brandenburg.

3. Preliminary discussions about this enlargement are already under way with Director Guido Wünsch of Askania.

Comment: It is entirely possible that such enlargement may involve the transfer elsewhere of specialists now working at Askania-Friedenau. 50X1-HUM

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